

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s):	Toombs et al.		
Title:	Card System with Erase Tagging Hierarchy and Group Based Write Protection		
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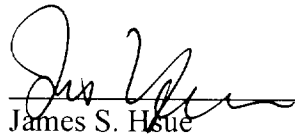
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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Dear Sir:

The Notice of Allowance for the above referenced application included an Examiner's Amendment cancelling previously pending claims 42-52. On the basis of a telephonic interview on October 18, 2006, between the Examiner and Michael Cleveland of the same office as the undersigned, this was agreed to in order to facilitate the application process. The Examiner considered claims 42-52 to be directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the other pending, and now allowed claims. Although the validity of this division of the claims has not been reviewed in detail, cancelled claims 42-52 will be perused in a Divisional application in order to place the present application in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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